



# Terwilliger Fire

## Wildfire Fact Sheet

Thursday, September 6, 2018 at 9:00AM



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**Location:** 5 miles southeast of Blue River, OR

**Incident Command:** Type 2 Northern Rockies Incident Management Team 4, Rick Connell, I.C.

**Size:** 9,639 acres      **Containment:** 35%      **Personnel:** 674

**Current Status:** Yesterday's extended inversion held smoke in the valley for a longer period of time than previous days and also decreased fire activity. On the west and northwest flanks of the fire, crews held established line and mopped up burned over areas. Burning operations on the west flank were utilized to connect containment lines adjacent to Forest Service Road (FS) 1986. Crews are also working to keep FS19 clear of large debris for emergency access. In the northeast, the fire continued to burn in high terrain along the Sawtooth Ridge but slowed its progress in lower elevations, allowing crews to install pumps and sprinklers along FS1993. To the south, some tree torching occurred as crews worked to contain spotting over FS19 and into the 2017 Rebel Fire burn area.

**Planned Actions:** Fire behavior will be active today as smoke clears the area, though the temperatures will be cooler and relative humidity values will be slightly higher than Wednesday. Dense smoke will once again enter the valley in the morning and remain until the afternoon, which will hinder air operations. More smoke information is available at the air quality links below. Crews on the western and northwest flanks of the fire will hold new line and patrol and mop up previously burned areas. Priority will begin to shift to the northeast perimeter of the fire, as crews focus on cutting access lines and continuing to prepare the area for fire slowly approaching down the north slope of Sawtooth Ridge. Crews will suspend chipping operations to the south in order to assist in patrolling and picking up new spot fires.

**Key Message:** Forest Service Road 19 (FS19) is closed to public traffic from its intersection with FS1900-408 south to, and including, Box Canyon due to unsafe conditions. Hazardous debris, such as car-sized boulders and large trees, have fallen onto the road blocking fire traffic and creating near-miss incidents. As a result, fire traffic is also restricted on FS19 along the Cougar Reservoir to emergency vehicles only, in case there is a need for rapid evacuation of injured personnel. Fire personnel will drive a longer, alternate route around the fire to reduce risk exposure and mitigate the potential for accidents and serious injury.

**Evacuations:** There are currently NO evacuation notices in place for this fire.

**Restrictions:** The Willamette National Forest has implemented a Forest-wide campfire ban, which includes all campgrounds and Wilderness areas. For specific information on Forest Order 06-18-01-18-17, see the Willamette National Forest website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/willamette/alerts-notices>.

**Closures:** Willamette National Forest has implemented closure order # 06-18-01-18-19. Go to <http://go.usa.gov/xRnz7> for more details, a map and a link to the Forest Order, or on [Inciweb](#) for a map and a pdf of the original Forest Order.

**Temporary Flight Restrictions:** Temporary flight restrictions (TFR) are in effect around the entire fire area. Remember, that temporary flight restrictions also apply to unmanned aircraft systems (drones). **If you fly, we can't!**

**Air Quality:** For smoke monitoring information, see Oregon Department of Environmental Quality <https://orairi.deq.state.or.us/home/map> or <https://oregonsmoke.blogspot.com/> or <http://www.lrapa.org>

**Cooperating Agencies:** US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Oregon Department of Forestry, Upper McKenzie River Fire Department, Lane County Sheriff's Office, Lane County Emergency Management, US Army Corps of Engineers, Oregon Department of Transportation, Oregon State Fire Marshall, Campbell Global, Oregon State Police, Lane Regional Air Protection Agency.